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Carmen Luvera retires from AFRL Rome

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ROME, N.Y. — Carmen J. Luvera, a 37-year federal employee, has retired as a senior member of the technical staff of the Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate. A native of Utica, Luvera joined the staff of the Rome Air Development Center (RADC) as an electronics engineer, shortly after receiving a bachelor's degree in physics from Utica College.

In 1988, he was named chief of the Electromagnetic Systems Engineering Division at RADC, later renamed Rome Laboratory. In that position, he was responsible for research and development of electromagnetic sciences and measurement technologies. Since June 2000, he had served as chief of the directorate's Information Grid Division.

The Information Grid Division conducts a broad spectrum of communications and information technology research and development to enable the exchange of information throughout the Global Information Enterprise. Specific areas of investigation include communications and networking technologies, information assurance and cyber information warfare, and information connectivity for wireless communications systems and data links for aerospace applications.

As chief of the division, Luvera had direct oversight for the planning, direction, management and execution of more than \$150 million of technical program activities within the division. In addition, he was responsible for administrative management and oversight of more than 170 on-site government and contractor personnel working within the division, including civilians and military scientists, engineers, administrative and support personnel located in both Rome and at division operations at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Luvera earned his master's degree in electrical engineering from Syracuse University. He holds a certificate in advanced management from the State University of New York Institute of Technology at Utica-Rome and a certificate in management and public policy from Maxwell School of Syracuse University. He also was awarded Defense Acquisition Professional Level III Certification in Systems Planning, Research, Development and Engineering.

He is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), where he served as chairman of the Mohawk Valley Section, and is a member of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA). Luvera also serves as a member of the Advisory Board for the Telecommunications Department at the State University of New York Institute of Technology. @